

## **Exhibit 1-2:**

Pleadings asserting causes of action, e.g., petitions, counterclaims, cross actions, third party actions, interventions and all answers to such pleadings.

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<b>VINMAR OVERSEAS, LTD.,</b>	<b>§</b>	<b>IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF</b>
<b>Plaintiff,</b>	<b>§</b>	
	<b>§</b>	
	<b>§</b>	
<b>v.</b>	<b>§</b>	<b>HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS</b>
	<b>§</b>	
	<b>§</b>	
<b>OCEANCONNECT, LLC,</b>	<b>§</b>	
<b>Defendant.</b>	<b>§</b>	<b>JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT</b>

**PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION**

COMES NOW, Vinmar Overseas, Ltd. ("Vinmar"), Plaintiff herein, files this Original Petition complaining of OceanConnect, LLC ("OceanConnect" or "Defendant"), Defendant, and would show as follows:

**I. Discovery Level**

1. This case will be a Level 3 case for discovery purposes.

**II. Parties, Jurisdiction and Venue**

2. Vinmar is a company registered in the Bahamas that maintains its principal place of business in Houston, Texas.

3. OceanConnect is a Delaware limited liability company which maintains its principal place of business in White Plains, New York. OceanConnect transacts business within the State of Texas and may be served through its registered agent: National Corporate Research, Ltd., 800 Brazos, Suite 400, Austin, Texas 78701.

4. Venue is proper in this Court since all or a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claim occurred in Harris County, Texas.

5. Jurisdiction is proper in this Court since the damages sought exceed the minimum jurisdictional limits of this Court.

### **III. Background Facts**

6. Vinmar is a company that markets and distributes fuels, chemicals and polymers worldwide.

7. Vinmar purchased 4,126,852 Renewable Identification Number ("RINs") from OceanConnect. Vinmar paid for these RINs. Vinmar re-sold a number of these RINs to other companies. However, Vinmar subsequently learned that the RINs were fraudulently created and, thus, invalid. Accordingly, they had no value. By letter dated November 10, 2011, Vinmar made written demand upon OceanConnect to supply Vinmar with replacement RINs with valid 2010 or 2011 RIN numbers. However, despite such demand, OceanConnect has failed to supply Vinmar with valid RINs to replace the fraudulent RINs previously sold to Vinmar by OceanConnect.

### **IV. First Cause of Action: Breach of Contract**

8. Paragraphs 1-7 are incorporated herein as if restated verbatim.

9. In exchange for payment of an agreed upon amount, OceanConnect, agreed to provide Vinmar with an agreed upon number of valid RINs. Vinmar paid Defendant for these RINs which payment was received and accepted by Defendant. However, Defendant failed to deliver to Vinmar the agreed upon number of valid RINs. Accordingly, Defendant breached its contract with Vinmar which caused Vinmar to suffer damages in excess of the minimal jurisdictional limits of this Court.

**V. Second Cause of Action: Breach of Warranties**

10. Paragraphs 1-9 are incorporated herein as if restated verbatim.
11. The transactions between Vinmar and Defendant referenced above involved the sale of goods. As such, the Defendant made various warranties to Vinmar under Article 2 of the Texas Business and Commerce Code (UCC). These warranties include the following:
  - a. Warranty of good title (Tex. Bus. & Comm. Code §2.312);
  - b. Implied warranty of fitness for a particular purpose (Tex. Bus. & Comm. Code §2.315); and
  - c. Implied warranty of merchantability (Tex. Bus. & Comm. Code §2.314).
12. By failing to deliver valid RINs to Vinmar, the Defendant breached these warranties which caused damages to Vinmar in an amount in excess of the jurisdictional limits of this Court.

**VI. Third Cause of Action (Alternative Cause of Action): Recission**

13. Paragraphs 1-12 are incorporated herein by reference.
14. Vinmar fulfilled all of its obligations under its contract with Defendant for the purchase of valid RINs. Defendant materially breached its contract with Vinmar when it delivered invalid RINs to Vinmar which had been fraudulently created prior to the transfer to Vinmar.
15. Vinmar is seeking to rescind its contract with Defendant and is further seeking a return of its purchase price paid.

**VII. Fourth Cause of Action: Attorneys' Fees**

16. Paragraphs 1-15 are incorporated herein as if restated verbatim.

17. By letter dated November 10, 2011, Vinmar made a written demand upon the Defendant to provide it with valid replacement RINs. Despite such written demand, Defendant failed to deliver the valid RINs to Vinmar. Vinmar therefore seeks to recover its reasonable attorneys' fees and costs from Defendant under Chapter 38 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code.

**VIII. All Conditions Precedent Have Been Fulfilled**

18. All conditions precedent have been fulfilled or have otherwise occurred.

**IX. Prayer**

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Vinmar Overseas, Ltd., Plaintiff, respectfully requests that OceanConnect, LLC., be cited to appear and answer and that, upon trial, that a judgment be entered in favor of Vinmar Overseas, Ltd. for the following:

- a. Its actual damages;
- b. Pre- and post-judgment interest as allowed by law;
- c. Its reasonable attorneys' fees;
- d. Costs of court; and
- e. Such other and further relief to which Plaintiff may show itself to be entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

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I, Chris Daniel, District Clerk of Harris County, Texas certify that this is a true and correct copy of the original record filed and or recorded in my office, electronically or hard copy, as it appears on this date.  
Witness my official hand and seal of office this December 7, 2011

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HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

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1. Contact information for person completing case information sheet:		Names of parties in case:	Person or entity completing sheet is:
Name: <u>Brad Cole</u>	Email: <u>brcole@rab-law.com</u>	Plaintiff(s)/Petitioner(s): <u>Vinmar Overseas, Ltd.</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attorney for Plaintiff/Petitioner <input type="checkbox"/> Pro Se Plaintiff/Petitioner <input type="checkbox"/> Title IV-D Agency <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
Address: <u>111 Congress Ave, Ste 1400 (512) 479-1148</u>	Telephone:	Additional Parties in Child Support Case:	
City/State/Zip: <u>Austin, TX 78701</u>	Fax: <u>(512) 226-7325</u>	Defendant(s)/Respondent(s): <u>OceanConnect LLC</u>	Custodial Parent: _____
Signature: <u>Brad Cole</u>	State Bar No: <u>04535980</u>	Non-Custodial Parent: _____	Presumed Father: _____
[Attach additional page as necessary to list all parties]			

## 2. Indicate case type, or identify the most important issue in the case (select only 1):

Civil		Family Law		
<b>Contract</b>	<b>Injury or Damage</b>	<b>Real Property</b>	<b>Marriage Relationship</b>	<b>Post-judgment Actions (non-Title IV-D)</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Debt/Contract <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consumer/DTPA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debt/Contract <input type="checkbox"/> Fraud/Misrepresentation <input type="checkbox"/> Other Debt/Contract:  <input type="checkbox"/> Foreclosure <input type="checkbox"/> Home Equity—Expedited <input type="checkbox"/> Other Foreclosure <input type="checkbox"/> Franchise <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance <input type="checkbox"/> Landlord/Tenant <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Competition <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Other Contract:  <input type="checkbox"/> Employment <input type="checkbox"/> Discrimination <input type="checkbox"/> Retaliation <input type="checkbox"/> Termination <input type="checkbox"/> Workers' Compensation <input type="checkbox"/> Other Employment:  <input type="checkbox"/> Tax <input type="checkbox"/> Tax Appraisal <input type="checkbox"/> Tax Delinquency <input type="checkbox"/> Other Tax	<input type="checkbox"/> Assault/Battery <input type="checkbox"/> Construction <input type="checkbox"/> Defamation  <input type="checkbox"/> Malpractice <input type="checkbox"/> Accounting <input type="checkbox"/> Legal <input type="checkbox"/> Medical <input type="checkbox"/> Other Professional Liability:  <input type="checkbox"/> Motor Vehicle Accident <input type="checkbox"/> Premises  <input type="checkbox"/> Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos/Silica <input type="checkbox"/> Other Product Liability List Product:  <input type="checkbox"/> Other Injury or Damage:  <input type="checkbox"/> Employment <input type="checkbox"/> Discrimination <input type="checkbox"/> Retaliation <input type="checkbox"/> Termination <input type="checkbox"/> Workers' Compensation <input type="checkbox"/> Other Employment:  <input type="checkbox"/> Tax <input type="checkbox"/> Tax Appraisal <input type="checkbox"/> Tax Delinquency <input type="checkbox"/> Other Tax	<input type="checkbox"/> Eminent 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type="checkbox"/> Divorce <input type="checkbox"/> With Children <input type="checkbox"/> No Children  <input type="checkbox"/> Other Family Law <input type="checkbox"/> Enforce Foreign Judgment <input type="checkbox"/> Judgment Nisi <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Disclosure <input type="checkbox"/> Seizure/Forfeiture <input type="checkbox"/> Writ of Habeas Corpus—Pre-indictment <input type="checkbox"/> Other:  <input type="checkbox"/> Probate & Mental Health <input type="checkbox"/> Probate/Wills/Intestate Administration <input type="checkbox"/> Dependent Administration <input type="checkbox"/> Independent Administration <input type="checkbox"/> Other Estate Proceedings  <input type="checkbox"/> Probate & Mental Health <input type="checkbox"/> Probate/Wills/Intestate Administration <input type="checkbox"/> Dependent Administration <input type="checkbox"/> Independent Administration <input type="checkbox"/> Other Estate Proceedings	<input type="checkbox"/> Enforcement <input 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## 3. Indicate procedure or remedy, if applicable (may select more than 1):

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